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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0647

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWS

REF: STATE 093109

1. THE DAMASCUS CHIEF RABBI TOLD ONE OF OUR EMBASSY LOCAL STAFF ON MAY 8 THAT THE "MASS GRAVE OF JEWS", WHICH WAS REPORTED IN THE MAY 4 ISSUE FO LE FIGARO, CONTAINED THE BODIES OF BETWEEN 50 TO 70 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED DURING THE OCTOBER WAR AND WHO WERE BURIED TOGETHER AT ONE PLACE "IN THE MAZZE AREA" OF DAMASCUS. THE RABBI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE SYRIAN ARMY TO OFFICIATE AT THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THESE MEN AND HAD DONE SO. THE RABBI DENIED THAT ANY SYRIAN JEWS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS COMMON BURIAL.

2. COMMENT: OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEE IS RELIABLE AND HAS GOOD ACCESS.
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